(iv) Main electro-mechanical automatic exchanges	-	5

[Translation]

Production and Export of Makhana and Raharia Beans

6945. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Makhana and Baharia beans are grown in northern Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote the production and export of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Makhana and Raharia beans are grown in North Bihar, mainly in the districts of Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Purnia and Katihar. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has implemented an ad-hoc scheme on collection and evaluation fo gorgannut (Makhana) in Bihar and West Bengal and is being implemented at Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar at a total cost of Rs. 1.03 lakh for a period of 3 years. The State Government is also providing technical know-how for production of Raharia beans and Makhana cultivation. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) organised a display of Makhana in the International Spring Fair at Dubai during 1990 for popularising the export of Makhana.

[English]

Functioning of Cooperative Societies in Delhi

6946. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No. 3 of 1991 has pointed out irregularities in functioning of cooperative societies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the paras indicated by the Comptroller and Auditor General and action taken by the Delhi Administration is at the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Para No. 1990	Brief subject of para	Corrective/Remedial Action taken report
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1.	2.1	Introdtion: This para refers as to what is cooperative and why the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 came into force in 1973.	This para is regarding introduction of the Department and need no comments.
2.	2.2	Scope of audit: Records of the office of Registrar Cooperative Societies were test checked for the years 1985-86 to 1989-90 during January to July' 90.	It needs no Comments.
3.	2.3	Organisational Set up: This para relates to the organisational set up of the Department.	It needs no Comments.
4.	2.4	Highlights: This para deals with the observations of the Audit Officer which have been discussed in further paras of the report.	As such comments against each of the highlighted points have been given in the succeeding paras.
5.	2.5	Allocation of funds & expenditure: This para contains the details of allocation of funds & expenditure for the period 1985-86 to 1989-90.	This is factual one and needs no comments.
6.	2.6	Societies not working: As in March, 1989 there were 6618 societies registered under the Act. Of the 4609 societies under the catereries-Industrial Urban, thrift & Credit, consumer coop. stores, house building &	(1) Cause & effect study for such societies has already been entrusted to a senior officer of the rank of Deputy Registrar. (2) It is quite obvious that urbanisation and coming up of unauthor-

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		multipurpose package (rural), 1297 societies were under liquidation & 740 societies were defunct. Thus the number of societies not working as on 31st March, 1989 under different cateferies ranged between 26 to 67%.	ised colonies in large scale have resulted in loss of importance for agricultre based rural societies. The rural based multipurpose societies, industrial societies and consmers cooperative stores lost their financial viability due to cut threat competitior and high inflation in the price of raw materials as well as machinery.
		The Department stated in July, 1990, that no cause & effect analysis relating to societies going into liquidation & declared as defunct had been undertaken.	
7.	2.7.1	High percentage of societies under liquidation-The number of societies under liquidation is growing. The reasons for rather high percentage of societies going under liquidation is growing.	The number of societies under liquidation in the year 1980 were 885, in 1986, they were 1230 and as on today, their number is 1297. It would thus be seen that trend of societies going under liquidation has been checked. The table attached with the CAG report clearly shows that only 0.3% industrial societies and 6.5% consumers cooperative stores were liquidated during 1986-90.
	2.7.2	The Cooperative Societies Roles, 1973 lay down that winding up proceedings of a society shall be closed within one year of the order of windingunless the period is extended by Registrar. Further, the Registrar shall not grant any extension for a period	The Department has finalise liquidation preceedings of 351 societies from Jan., 1990 to August, 1991. Effort are on to complete the proceedings as early as possible in rest of the cases.

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		of exceeding six months at a time and three years in aggregate. Still some societies were kept under liquidation for more than three years.	As per the provision of Rule 105 of DCS Rules the three year period prescribed does not apply when there are govt. or financing bank dues. We are consulting our finance department as to how to waive the dues, when the societies have stopped functioning years ago and there are no worthy assets. The total recovery to the of Rs. 11.65 lakhs has been from 1.4.90 to Aug., 1991 to the concerted efforts the Department. Specific targets have been fixed and field staff has been deputies to collect amount from the office of the societies.
8.	2.8	Outstanding share capital: Lumpsum dues of share capital standing as on 31st March, 1990 were Rs. 48.52 lakhs. Rs. 42.16 lakhs were due from working societies including 16.65 lakhs from Delhi Consumers Cooperative Wholesale Store Ltd. and Rs. 6.16 lakhs from Cooperative Store Ltd., New Delhi (Super Bazar) and Rs. 5.76 lakhs from societies under liquidation processings.	
9.	2.9	Outstanding loans: Total otstanding loans to be recovered are to the tune of Rs. 34.70 lakhs and interest thereon is Rs. 27.82 lakhs. There is a difference of Rs. 2.58 lakhs between the actual fitures of outstanding loan for a recovery and those mentioned in official compilation "Facts & Figures".	(1) Specific targets have been fixed and field staff has been deputed to collect the amounts from the office of societies. After review, the total recovery of outstanding loan has been made to the tune of Rs. 9.59 lakhs and that of interest on loan to the tune of Rs. 4.11 lakhs till August' 91. (2) Prior to 1988 there was proper maintenance of accounts of outstanding loans/advances, share capital etc. as accounting

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			procedre was previously handled by staff untrained in accounts. After appointment of regular Acconts Officer, accounts were maintained properly from the year 1988-89. The difference mentioned between the actual figures of outstanding loan & official compilation "facts and Figures" was a clerical mistake since rectified.
10.	2.10	Outstanding Dividend: (2) It was noticed that Central government Employees Consumer Cooperative Stores(Kendriy Bhandar) and Vegitable Consumer Federation Ltd., Mehraulli had declared profits. Dividend as under had become due to the Administration from them: Year — Amount due 1986-87 — Rs. 1.41 Lakhs 1987-88 — Rs. 3.44 Lakhs 1988-89 — Rs. 0.22 Lakhs Total — Rs. 5.07 Lakhs	The amounts due have already been paid. It is clarified that the dividends mentioned in the column (3) have been paid against the share capital contribution of government of India. As such, dividends were not to be paid to Delhi Administration but were to be paid to the Govt. of India.

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		The dividend has not been recovered.	
	11.2.11	Elections: In cases where a society fails to conduct election of its committee within the prescribed period, the Registrar is empowered to get the election of a committee conduct through an election officer appointed by him. The large number of societies not holding elections indicated that the power vested in the Registrar were not being effectively used to ensure democratic functioning of the societies.	We have set up an Election Cell headed by Assistant Registrar to compile and moniter the date with regard to helding of elections. Separate registers have also been get opened for keeping track on the societies in this regard.
	12.2.12	The Delhi Cooperative societies Act, 1972 provides that the Registrar shall audit or cause to be audited the accounts of every cooperative society at least once in each year. It was observed that quite a large number of societies had not been audited for number of years resulting in considerably heavy arrears. There are heavy arrears of outstanding audit fee. The department has not elaborated steps taken to provide for remedial measures statutory or otherwise.	1) Through review of Audit Policy was undertaken and C.A.s defaulting in timely completion of audits have been black listed and have not been allotted audits during the current year. 2) It has been decided that completing audits in time would be given additional audits by way of incentive. 3) For internal auditers, monthly targets have been fixdend their performance is being reviewed regularly. 4) Special efforts are being made to liquidate the arrears of audit fee.

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	13.2.13	The department has no manual for the guidance of all concerned which was essential for coordination & unifirmity of action.	The preparation of cooperat manual has been under consideration since 1986. Concerted efforts have already been made towards compiling of the manual and the work has already been entrusted to Delhi State Cooperative Training Centre.

Note: It is also relevant to mention that a committee of three officers has been constituted to go into various aspects and to suggest measures to redeem the deficiencies in the system.